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**SUBMITTAL OF DECLARATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.63**

Sir:

Enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application, which has been executed by the named inventors.

Enclosed please find a check to cover \$65 surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e). If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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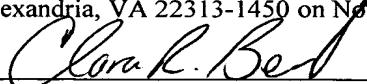
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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I (we) hereby declare that my (our) residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my (our) name; I (we) believe that I am (we are) the original, first and sole inventor(s) (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention (Design, if applicable) entitled: **STABLE PROBIOTIC MICROSPHERE COMPOSITIONS AND THEIR METHODS OF PREPARATION**

the specification of which (check one): is attached hereto; was filed on September 5th, 2003 as application serial No. 10/656,386 and was amended on (or amended through) _____ (if applicable); was filed on _____ as International Application (PCT) No. _____ and amended on _____ (if applicable). I (we) hereby state that I (we) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I (we) acknowledge the duty to disclose information known by me (us) to be material to the patentability of my (our) invention in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a). I (we) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application which priority is claimed.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

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I (we) hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I (we) acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior art application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I (we) hereby declare that all statements made herein of my (our) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: I (we) hereby appoint as my (our) attorneys, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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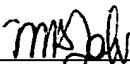
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STATEMENT OF NO DECEPTIVE INTENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), I state that I was omitted as an inventor on the above-referenced patent application through no deceptive intent on my part.

Respectfully submitted,



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